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President's Message

Are you still thinking about your design entry for our "not so official Canada's Birthday logo" contest? I hope so! All details can be found in page 3 of this issue. The contest will be running until April 15th, 2017! Enter now, don't be shy!

This is an election year for Officers and Governors. Please see the nomination form accompanying this newsletter. Deadline to receive nominations is May 12, 2017.

It is high time to start planning for the Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA) 2017 55th Convention, to be held in Kitchener on April 21-23 including a FREE Education Symposium on Fri. Apr. 21, and the Southern-Ontario Chapter of CAWMC meeting and ONA Awards Banquet, both on Sat., Apr 22.

Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's 63rd Annual Convention is gearing up (July 18-23, 2017 Boucherville, PQ—Hotel Montagne 1-877-655-9966 room reservation code 5153), and this year's host is the Association des Numismates et des Philatélistes de Boucherville (www.ANPB.net) which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and the City of Boucherville is celebrating its 350th Anniversary since founding. This year's convention includes a visit to the original Bank of Montreal which is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year, a visit to Old Montreal which is celebrating its 375th Anniversary since founding, a visit to Old Boucherville and a dinner cruise on the Saint Lawrence River. Of course there will be kids stuff, an educational forum, an auction, bourse, specialty club meetings, awards banquet, and more. Our annual CAWMC Annual Breakfast meeting will be on Saturday July 22. I am looking forward to meeting my fellow wooden money collectors at both events.

If you have a moment in April, please consider writing something for our publication. I am always thrilled to see what interests other collectors, and I learn something new every time I read one of your articles. I love it! You can reach me at France D. Waychison, P.O. Box 466, Timmins ON P4N 7E3 or at france@waychison.com. Happy Easter!

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The C.A.W.M.C. was founded on January 1st, 1975, by Garry Braunwarth (C-1) (pictured below) and Victor B. Hall (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

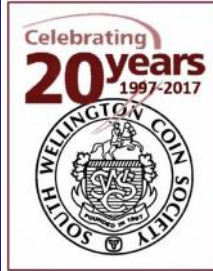
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Garry Braunwarth >>>



20th Anniversary Celebration

Free Wood of the Month of April 2017 reported by Ross Kingdon



The South Wellington Coin Society held a 20th Anniversary Banquet for members, their guests, and dignitaries, on Wednesday, April 5th, 2017, at the Mandarin Restaurant in Guelph, Ontario. This 38mm wood was designed by Judy Blackman, and silk-screened onto recycled kill beetle pine / fir, and then a child-proof lacquer was applied by Jim Smith of woodencoin.com in Likely, British Columbia. From there the woods sit for a about a week to dry before shipping. One side of the wood supports the club's most recent Wellington medal produced, and the other is the club's logo. 180 were made, with 100 donated to CAWMC as featured wood and the other 80 handed out at the banquet, which turned out to have an attendance of 76.

In fall 1997, founding member Robert (Bob) Zmija designed the SWCS's first club medal. Bob, originally a tool and die maker, was the perfect person to design the club's beautiful Coat of Arms 'Logo' and both of the reverses for the club's first medals. The medals were limited to 35 pieces (each in gold plate, bronze, and and .999 pure silver). The club issue a 1997 medal recognizing the Wellington County Museum and a 1998 featuring the Rockwood Church, both which tie to local Wellington County historic sites.

In June 2015, SWCS was on hand at the Wellington County Museum to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the District of Wellington. This 2 inch diameter by 1/4 inch thick medal was designed by Scott E. Douglas, current President of SWCS. Graphic layout by Astrid Bond, Bas Relief by Arthur Chan, Sculpting by Fred Chan, and minter Press Metal Products Limited (Vancouver, B.C.) owned by Alan and Greg Trammell. Only 24 Copper PL and 6 Commercial Bronze were minted. This was the original artwork submitted to Jim Smith. Beside it is the proof artwork approved. Then the finished product, that is the SWCS anniversary wood.



Featured Woods: (note: if we receive a donation of a NEW wood, we will insert it and push the schedule out farther):

- ♦ May 2017— **RCNA Convention 2016 / Ross Kingdon** (from Ross Kingdon, made by CWW—James Williston)
- ♦ June 2017— **Canada 150** wood with both sides original designs (from Judy Blackman)
- ♦ July 2017— **Timmins C. C. / Canada 150th Anniversary** (from France Waychison, made by CWW—James Williston)
- ♦ August 2017— **Sovereign Coin Shop / Appraisals Consignments** Hamilton (1,000 made 2012) from Al Munro)
- ♦ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - September 2017 (8300-137) or new wood
- ♦ October 2017—Trump wood (from Jim Smith, woodencoin.com) - same month as Columbus Day
- ♦ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - November 2017 (8300-133) or new wood
- ♦ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - January 2018 (8300-132)
- ♦ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - May 2018 (8300-138)
- ♦ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - August 2018 (8300-134) - this is the last wood in the 8-wood series
- ♦ Woods to be advised for February, March, April, June, July, September, October, November and December 2018. Donations welcomed!



**History of CAWMC
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Jan. 1975 – Sept. 1979
Garry Braunwarth

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Stan Clute

Aug. 1981 – July 1983
Albert Kasman

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Garry Braunwarth

Nov. 1992 – Dec. 1994
Lou Vesh

Jan. 1995 – Aug. 2008
Ross Kingdon
(14 years!!!)



Above is a Dan Gosling photo
of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2009
Tony Hine

Jan. 2010 – Aug. 2010
Norm Belsten

Sept. 2010 – *Current*
Judy Blackman, F.O.N.A.



“Not-So-Official Canada’s Birthday Wish” Contest

You, or a family member, are invited to submit a “not-so-official Canada’s Birthday wish” design. The winning design will be used on the reverse side of a wood issued by CAWMC to celebrate our great country and our hobby.

Everybody wins!

The winner of the contest will receive 50 woods and unlimited bragging rights.

All contestants will receive a free one-year membership to CAWMC, Timber Talk and free woods (chosen by CAWMC) to boot! You may choose to apply this free membership against your 2018 dues or transfer the membership to a friend, who will get a 2017 membership and receive all digital Timber Talks to be issued in 2017.

You may not use any existing Canada 150 designs, you must be absolutely original and your design must be free of copyright / trademark violations. The designs submitted will be property of CAWMC.

Designs are due by no later than April 15th, 2017

If you are not computer savvy, you can put your design on the wooden blank (*right>*) and submit this sheet. Be sure to include with your design, all of the information to be filled out below.



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[Note: this contest will be published elsewhere to invite RCNA and ONA members.]



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ENS Wooden Token by Joe Kennedy

Just in time for the Edmonton Numismatic Society's November 2016 Coin show and Sale, promotional wooden nickels were purchased by the ENS and given out to attendees of the show.

These woods were designed by Pierre Driessen, our Treasurer, and produced by Canada Wide Woods, a wooden nickel company now located in Calgary. Its operator is a familiar face for us in Edmonton; James Williston purchased the company in 2015.

Almost 1,000 were given out at the show, a further 1,000 were available for distribution to advertise the 2017 shows at the December 2016 meeting. The obverse has the ENS logo in black ink, and the reverse has the show dates for 2017 in metallic red text. The woods have a diameter of 39mm and are 3mm thick. If requests to-date by collectors are any indication, they promise to become a highly sought after collectable.



ANPB Woods Promote Show

The ANPB Inc. jetons (wooden tokens) were made to promote the club and to encourage people to come out to our two-day shows. One token was given to each member coming to the show and they could spend it at the dealers' tables. This wood had a value of one dollar valid up to 31st of December 2016. We made 250 of each colour. The red jeton was for the show of February 2016, the silver was for April 2016, the green for October 2016, and finally the gold for December 2016.

At the time these woods were made, we were around 400 members. Some people used the jeton(s) and others kept them for their collection. The jetons were made by James Williston (owner of Canada Wide Woods in Calgary) who made them with oak wood blanks and applied foil hot-stamping. The wood size is 1.5 inches (38mm) and the image area is 1.3 inches. James told me that was the first time they made this type with four different dies because of the different colours on each side of the token. We had some spares so we made kits with the four colours, and we have about 20 kits left at this moment at 10\$ per kit (plus shipping). The ANPB is hosting the RCNA convention this summer, and these spare woods are a fund-raiser for the event.



Common Obverse for set of 4: outer legend BLUE, inner logo BLACK

Pierre Leclerc, President ANPB Inc.



Reverse—all reverse
have an outer legend
BLACK—February—
inner RED



Reverse—April
—inner SILVER



Reverse—October
— inner GREEN



Reverse—December
— inner GOLD



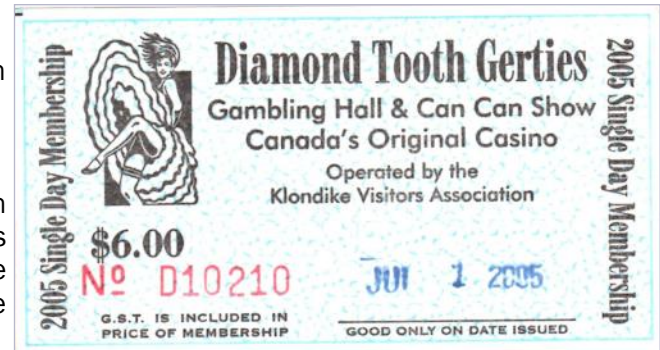
Diamond Tooth Gerties

by David "Rusty" Phillips

Some details on long-time Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall wood. This wood was used in Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall, in Dawson City, Yukon, during the years 1985 through 1993.



It was given out only on the Black Jack tables (but was redeemable anywhere in the Gambling Hall).



It was "earned" as follows:

If a Black Jack player placed a bet of one dollar (\$1) (the minimum bet), and hit a Black Jack (21) on the first two cards dealt to him / her (and this was not duplicated by the dealer), then the player received one and one half (1-1/2) times his / her bet (e.g. \$1.50). Hence the special fifty cents (50 cts) wood for the Black Jack tables only!

It is thought that 1,000 of these woods were made (by Kedco Products Ltd.).

After 1993, the Gambling Hall went to a minimum bet of two dollars (\$2), so, a Black Jack (21) as above, would pay three dollars (\$3), for which there were plastic one dollar tokens available (see samples below of early D.T.G. plastic tokens).

My sincere Thanks to Vic Tubman, of Dawson City, Yt., for ferreting out this information for me.



The two coloured tickets at the top of my article, are stubs from tickets my wife (Betty) and I bought when we visited the D.T.G. Gambling Hall in past years.

The D.T.G. Gambling Hall was the first ever legal casino in Canada: It took a federal act of Parliament to allow this to happen. It was applied for by the Klondike Visitors Assn (a group of Dawson City folks who were trying to generate tourism, and at the same time generate monies to save and refurbish the fading city of Dawson City). A roaring success now, fortunately!

I am an aficionado of all things northwestern (e.g. Yukon, Northern British Columbia and Alaska). I have read mega books on all these places, and have visited a lot of the territory in various trips. In fact I have hiked / backpacked the Klondike Gold Rush trail, twice (e.g. 1998 and 2007). (Although, the Gold Rush Trail is considered 1,500 miles long - Seattle to Dawson City, but only 33 miles is actually on the ground - Dyea / Skagway to Bennett Lake. The balance being on water.). What a sense of history doing the run-up to the hike and doing the actual hike!!!

More Diamond Tooth Gerties Information

On February 26, 1899, Klondike gold seekers filled the decks on board the ocean steamer City of Seattle (a vessel on route from Seattle to Skagway) which was captained by William Connell. Connell suggested forming a social brotherhood of the North resulting in eleven founding members on board the ship who drew up by-laws and rules of order, emblem (two cross-flags – the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, a miner's gold pan with a crossed pick and shovel and the letters S.B. – entire design encrusted with gold nuggets), motto / tag-line (No Boundary Line Here), as well as a constitution which stipulated membership was for white males over the age of 18 who resided in Alaska, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territory, or British Columbia north of Parallel 54 degrees, 20 minutes, north latitude. New members who had to be nominated by an existing member in good standing were considered by a membership committee. Membership badges identified an officer by a champagne cork on the lapels, and ordinary members by a beer cork. Initiation fee was one dollar.

Within a month the membership swelled to 311, and kept growing. This brotherhood looked after its members in sickness and health, buried its dead and generally improved educational and social conditions of the booming mining camps, while also providing its members "a royal good time!" Eventually the brotherhood encompassed more than 30 camps and nearly 10,000 members and no longer limited to miners, it now included entrepreneurs, medical and legal professionals, politicians, government employees, and some celebrities. More reputable honorary members included King Edward VII, and U.S. Presidents Warren G. Harding, Theodore Roosevelt, and William McKinley.

In October 1901, the Brotherhood proposed issuing coupons to members' payable after six months as dues or redeemable in cash after one year, as a means to raise money to build a hall in Dawson. Funds were raised so rapidly, construction began only four days later for a one storey and a half high, covering a space of 50 by 100 feet with a pillar-free dance floor and a 16x32 feet stage and a fully equipped kitchen, committee room, lockers, balcony, and officer platforms, and floors double-covered of Puget Sound fir. The building was completed in just three weeks at a total cost of \$16,000 (USD). The formal inaugural ball and dedication ceremony was held in November 1901. The atmosphere included trumpets, mellowed torch lights, an orchestra, fireplaces, flower bouquets, photographer, and folks regaled in royal-like formal attire. Members brought their wives / sweethearts, other family members and friends along which resulted in an even larger membership. The event was a success and a ball was held every two weeks for the duration of the winter. Admission was \$5 a couple with supper included and 51 dances. Unescorted (extra) ladies were admitted for one dollar. Later admission was raised to \$10 a couple, with all admissions helping to pay the building debt down sooner. (see 1908 photo above) The building was also used for community and political meetings and banquets, indoor baseball, concerts and recitals, a Brotherhood circus, and theatrical plays. The membership gradually declined to the closure of mining camps and members entering the First World War to serve, and members aging, so the Brotherhood died. (see current picture of Diamond Tooth Gerties building below)



Approximately 1925-1933 the building served as Dawson's community centre. When the Fraternal Order of Eagles building burned down in 1929, the Brotherhood building was transferred to the Order. The Order ceased to function in 1943. A society formed by local citizens (Dawson Community Inc.) took over title, and then it was transferred to the City of Dawson in 1951 as a community hall and in 1967 named "Centennial Hall" to honor Canada's 100th birthday.



On July 2, 1971, the city leased the building to the non-profit society "Klondike Visitors Association", which transformed it into the popular casino known today as Diamond Tooth Gerties. The casino is still unique in Canada in that visitors can gamble, drink alcoholic beverages and enjoy live entertainment, all in the same room. It is named after Gertie Lovejoy, one of the most famous of Dawson's dance-hall queens during the gold rush era. She got her nickname after having a diamond inserted between her two front teeth. Years later Lovejoy inadvertently gained respectability when she married C.W. Taber, one of the town's leading lawyers, a prominent Conservative and a friend of commissioner George

Black. It was the presence of Taber's wife – and her shady past – at a dinner party in the commissioner's residence that roused half the town to righteous indignation.

King of Wooden Money (and Challenge)

John Regitko message to your Editor: "I have a colour photo of Clarence C. Kramer standing beside his convertible that is all covered in wooden nickels that have been glued on. I never scanned it, and would have to search for it — if I can find it. I wonder if you can make a bit of a challenge in Timber Talk on this, by asking members to send you the best use (actually, mis-use) of wooden nickels. Possibly somebody else has the photo and can scan it." John had included a photo gallery for a gentleman who had made military ships and planes using wooden nickels and toothpicks. So I went searching on the internet for this Kramer picture. Now remember, it's not that long ago that John and Monina down-sized and moved, and a search could take awhile, and they are both very busy folks often traveling. The CAWMC lists these 3 woods issue by Kramer, but he issued several others.



5565-024, 1983, 50 issued

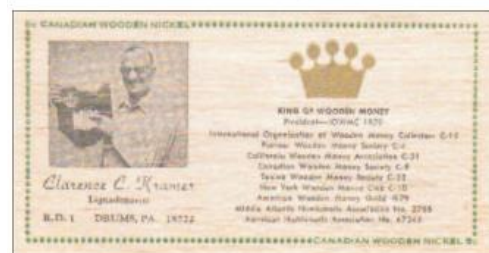


USC-027, 1983, 1 issued

Although I found 29 separate newspaper articles about Clarence C. Kramer, King of Wooden Money, none had him pictured with his car. Ironically, I was planning an article about Kramer anyways, as part of your Editor's efforts to reflect on club members in our over CAWMC 40 years history. So here's what I gathered:



4620-016, 1980, 100 issued



The Hazleton Standard-Speaker reported on January 21, 1964 that Clarence C. Kramer was opening the Nesco Manor Coin Shop Inc. (on Hazleton-Wilkes-Barre Hwy. 309—just 6 miles north of Hazleton) with the Grand Opening sale occurring January 23-25 from 6-10 p.m., as part of his retirement which had just occurred a few weeks before. Kramer retired from the Hazleton Police Department (as Lieutenant) after 20.67 years, which he joined after spending 4 years in the U.S. Navy (2 of which were on active duty).

Kramer's initial interest in collecting old coins dates back to 1932 when as a young man he was employed as a milkman for a local dairy. His first collection was 97 Indian head pennies which he received from a woman customer when she paid her bill. In 1958, Kramer's collection has grown quite large, and he had numerous duplicates, so he began selling and trading coins. His business grew so large by December 1962, so he open the first coin and coin supply shop in Hazleton (725 Alter Street) which he then closed in August 1963, to erect his new modern business establishment.

The new store with a complimentary coffee bar, gave customers a broader range of numismatics: coins (domestic and world), bullion, medals, tokens, numismatic jewellery, numismatic books, and coin supplies, and appraisals (by appointment). As well, Kramer's famous wooden nickel collection rated in the top-six of the nation, and which has been on display throughout the county, forms an instore display consisting of 3,900 different specimen wooden nickels from all over the world (his U.S. woods were collected over 32 years and he mounted them in 33 two-by-four foot wood frames and the rest in 12 display cases—one of which shows woods with a picture of each U.S. President and related data). Kramer besides being a dealer, was also a charter member of the Anthracite Coin Club, a member of the Pennsylvania Numismatic Association, and a member of Wilkes-Barre and Panther Valley Coin Clubs, and also a CAWMC and IOWMC member. He held several officer positions in these groups, as well as other positions such as bourse chairman, was a frequent exhibitor and guest speaker. When showing his woods, Kramer was well-known for his outfits having woods dangling all over them, and a hat covered in woods.

In 1969 Kramer issued his first Christmas calendar wood, and each year issued a limited amount of other woods. Kramer while working for the Hazleton Police Department was on duty when a motorist asked for his help. The grateful motorist

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handed the officer (Kramer) several wooden nickels, and this launched Kramer's new hobby. Some 25 years later, Kramer still bid visitors farewell after a visit to his motel complex with these words, "I'll take all the wooden nickels I can get!" Kramer became known as the King of Wooden Nickels, he was also known for his 14 issues of the Tenino wooden money, and he also grew a credible reputation with his collection of ancient coins particularly those dating back to the Greek Empire. Kramer said his woods brought him a precious kingdom.

LEGAL NOTICE

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY have been granted to Mary Kathleen Krill, Executrix, of the Estate of Eunice Whiting Baker-sky, late of Rush Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, who died on January 9, 1989.

All persons indebted to said estate, please make payment and those having claims, present same to:

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101 West Broad Street
Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY have been granted to Mildred M. Kramer, Executrix of the Estate of Clarence C. Kramer, late of Drums, Butler Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who died on January 30, 1989. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make payment, and those having claims, present same to:

Joseph J. Ustynoski, Esquire
Ustynoski, Sharkey & Marusak
205 Hazleton National Bank Bldg.
Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201

Clarence C. Kramer was born September 9, 1907, and passed away on January 30, 1989, he was 81 years old, 6ft tall, and weighed 180 pounds. Kramer was active in volunteer fire companies (for over 50 years), a volunteer ambulance driver, Boy Scouts of America (including organizing the first junior drum and bugle corps), the Red Cross (22 years giving lifesaving instruction and teaching hospital nurse in first aid), traffic safety (where he was cited for his outstanding work, and he participated on a national committee for the commonwealth), and several other activities and organizations. He was past commander of the American Legion Post 76 (Hazleton), and past-president and charter member of the Police Athletic League and the Hazleton Police Home Association, and past president of the YMCA Boys Work Club. In addition to the coin shop, Kramer was a long-time owner of the Kramer Nesco Manor Motel & Grove in Drums. In his retirement he also worked as a guard in Reynolds. Kramer also took every opportunity to introduce Biddy Basketball for nulls, business and other special events, and each time, this took Kramer 1.5 hours to set up. He had it on view in both Canada and the U.S. Kramer said rather than put a value on his wood collection, he'd like to donate it to a museum for people to enjoy. Kramer was also a state champion on a YMCA swim team and a member of the Mt. Laurel champion swim team, and a national runner-up, and he competed against former Olympic champion Johnny Weissmuller. Kramer was past chancellor of the Knights of Pythia, and an organizer of the Princes of Syracuse, and he served as deputy-grand-regent for two years. Kramer was also active in the Chamber of Commerce and his church. He held active or honorary memberships in 19 other community service organizations, and in addition to the numismatic clubs already mentioned, he was also active in Tamaqua Coin Club, Jim Thorpe Coin Club, Token & Medal Society Quincy, American Vecturists, Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association, and the American Elongated Coin Association. At the time of his retirement from police duty, Kramer had already become an entrepreneur as an owner and operator of Nesco Manor, Inc.—Motel, Coin Shop, Grove, Gifts and a Health Food Store.

Kramer was born in Hazleton (in the heart of Anthracite coal fields) to William Kramer and Etta Kramer (nee Kreiger). He had three brothers William E. Kramer, Donald Kramer, and the youngest of the couple's four children, Howard Kramer. At the time of his passing, Kramer had been married 53 years to Mildred Mary Kramer (nee Robertson). The couple had one daughter June, and three grandchildren (Tinker, Matt, and Jennie). Clarence C. Kramer certainly left a positive impact on the numismatic hobby, but especially wooden money collectors.

Richmond Hill, Coin Club Woods by David Bawcutt

The Richmond Hill Coin Club was founded in July, 1964 by seven enthusiastic collectors and after four meetings they had 63 members. Club meetings were on the third Tuesday of each month except for July and August in Richmond Hill. Their meetings consisted of films, guest speakers and other activities. The Club was very active right from the start. The Club was first devoted to the promotion and encouragement of the collection and study of coins, tokens, paper money, medals, etc., second to cultivate fellowship amongst its members and third to acquire and dispense numismatic knowledge. The first Richmond Hill Coin Club show was at 1 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill on March 20, 1965 and members got the chance to proudly display their collections to the many people from all over the province and some from the USA who attended the show.

The Club issued a medal in 1965 which commemorates the inception of the Richmond Hill Coin Club in July 1964. Club member Carl Lovell designed the medal with a rose on the obverse side. The rose was selected because Richmond Hill was the rose growing capital of Canada and town's name Richmond Hill came from Miles Hill who was the first settler in 1796 that opened up Yonge Road which is now Yonge Street and the town was impressed when Charles Gordon Lennox, the 4th duke of Richmond, Governor General of Canada passed through their village in 1819 so Richmond's Hill became Richmond Hill. The Duke of Richmond wore a rose during the War of Roses in Europe. The reverse of the medal is a portion of the town crest and is also the Richmond family crest showing a lion on guard and the inscription EN LA ROSE JE FLEURIS translated In the Rose I flourish. The medal was produced by Canadian Artistic Dies from Sherbrooke, Quebec. Initial prices were \$2.00 for the bronze medal and \$9.00 for a .999 fine silver medal. President Robert Deighton has advised that only one medallion has been struck and that you may become confused by the two dates that appear. 1964 commemorates the founding of the club and 1965 was the year in which it was struck.



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**Annual Membership Dues
in Canadian Association of
Wooden Money Collectors
are:**

- **Canadian Residents:**
\$10, Cdn. Funds
- **Youth** (16 years old
and under) \$5 Cdn.
Funds
- **U.S. A. Residents:**
\$10 U.S. Funds
- **International
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Artwork of the medal

The first two woods issued by the Richmond Hill Coin Club was in 1969 for the Fifth Anniversary Coin Show on March 22, 1969 at the Lion's Den from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Ricky Morse was the Club President at that time. There were displays at the show for Canadian Decimal, Foreign Coins, Paper Money, Medals & Tokens, Miscellaneous, Junior, Special Visitors Category and Best of Show. The only difference in the two woods was the colour change on the obverse from red to green. Each had a quantity of 1250, rarity 1 and were 38mm round woods. Other woods were issued to promote their coin shows and the Club issued a Xmas wood in 1986 and 1987.



5770-002A

Obverse
Red



5770-002A

Reverse
Black



5770-002B

Obverse
Green

These two woods were issued to promote their new location of the Club monthly meetings. It is the M.L. McConagy (should be McConaghy) Centre 10100 Yonge Street. The only difference is # 5770-033 reverse is red and # 5770-034 reverse is blue. There was 100 of each made, they have rarity of 2 and are 38 mm round woods.



Common
Obverse
Gold



5770-033
Reverse
Red



5770-034
Reverse
Blue

The last two woods issued by the Richmond Hill Coin Club was made in 1988 for release in 1989. They made 200 of each. Wood # 5770-046 offered a 25% discount off new memberships in 1989 and the obverse had the date 1964-1989, had rarity 1 and was a 38mm round wood. Wood # 5770-47 to celebrate their 25th anniversary Mar. 1989 had the lion on the obverse which was also on their medal from 1965, using a 45mm round wood and it was rarity 1. I don't know the reasons but the Club closed in 1989 after issuing two woods that year.



5770-046
Obverse
Silver



5770-046
Reverse
Blue



5770-047
Obverse
Silver



5770-047
Reverse
Silver

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I picked up a copy of The Richmond Hill Numismatist June 1976 issue at a recent Scarborough Coin Club meeting that was in their Club library. It was an eight page plus cover booklet with no stitching. There were 4 pages of ads including a Scarborough Coin Club ad. The 1976-1977 executive included President Ricky Morse and Past President Norm Belsten. There was a two page spread of old newspaper clippings about the Club, Club News and upcoming shows. Their meetings were in the Lion's Hall on Centre Street East and membership was \$3.00 per year or \$1.00 if you were 16 or under.

The Club joined the O.N.A. in February 1965 and again in 1971 so past issues of the Ontario Numismatist had upcoming show announcements and reports from some of their meetings. I only have 5 of the 16 woods issued. Norm Belsten sent me scans of some woods I did not have in my collection to help with this article. Many years there was an annual donation to a worthwhile cause in the community as a club project. The woods issued by the Richmond Hill Coin Club are still around today and they tell a story of a Club that has been gone for almost 30 years.

Canada 150 Medals

CAWMC members were invited to pre-order CAWMC / Canada 150 RCNA medals by a February 2017 deadline. Club members showed a positive reception to this opportunity.

As a club member of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA), the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) announced its participation in the RCNA's Canada 150 Program.

The engraver of the medals, Pressed Metals Products (Vancouver, B.C.) will produce the CAWMC medals using the official CAWMC logo on the obverse, and a special Canada 150 die (made specially for the RCNA) for the reverse. PMP was established in 1929.



The RCNA will be offering CAWMC medals as part of a set of medals depicting other club logos, all with a common Canada 150 reverse.

The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors was proud to give its members the opportunity to buy the CAWMC medal only, at \$10 each, tax and delivery included. The CAWMC medals will be 38mm diameter and have a bronze metal composition (97% copper, 1.5% tin, 0.5% zinc).

Members may enjoy watching a PMP video at this link to see how the work is done: <http://pressedmetal.ca/about-us/>.

Editor's Challenge

Judy Blackman, our Editor, would like to invite CAWMC members to bring in new members. Each CAWMC member bringing one (1) new member will **receive a prize**. If the same CAWMC member refers three (3) or more members, this person will **receive a special prize**. If one of the new member pays two (2) years (or more) dues up front, the referring member will **receive an additional reward**. This challenge is in place July 2016 running **through the end of June 2017**. All prizes are graciously provided by our Editor.

CAWMC members have to ensure that the new member(s) confirm who referred them to CAWMC, and that Judy is informed so that she can promptly send the rewards to the referring CAWMC member(s).



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